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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In the parent application, the Examiner did not enter the Applicant's amendments that would insert the term "weight average molecular weight" into the claims to replace the term "molecular weight". The Examiner argued that the new term was not in the application as originally filed. The present Continuation-in-Part application now provides a basis for the term "weight average molecular weight".

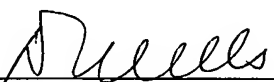
In order to expedite examination, and not because it was required, the Applicant has added Comparative Example C3 to show the advantage of a solvent based ink jet ink over an aqueous ink.

Applicant has also added to the present CIP a discussion of the art cited by the Examiner during prosecution of the parent case and has added an explanation of why the present invention is patentable over the art.

Applicant believes that the Continuation-in-Part is in condition for allowance and urges an early Notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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